



Account Reconciliations

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Summary

The purpose of this policy is to establish the scope and define the procedure and documentation requirement for account reconciliations.

Policy

Each LBNL balance sheet account will be reconciled on a regular, ongoing basis as appropriate. Determination regarding the frequency (e.g., monthly or quarterly) reconciliations are required will be based on risk and materiality factors related to account activity and/or amount.

Procedure

Bank reconciliations will be completed within 10 workdays following receipt of the bank statement.

Periodic reconciliations will be completed by the last workday of the month following the end of the required period (i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual). An appropriate justification/explanation must be documented for each account to be reconciled less frequently than on a monthly basis.

Exception: Reconciliations due for the November month end will be completed by the 20th workday following November 30. (This provides for the early Laboratory shut down in December.)

Appropriate documentation for each account reconciliation will be maintained. The following is the minimum documentation required for each reconciliation:

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- Completed Account Reconciliation Worksheet for the current reconciliation period.
- Copy of the account definition from MARS / SGL Chart of Accounts.
- Completed Account Reconciliation Summary (optional) including explanation of variances and planned actions for appropriate disposition, if applicable.
- Copies of appropriate documentation supporting account details and highlighted balances (for easy identification).
- The Account Reconciliation Worksheet is required to be signed by the responsible supervisor in a timely manner indicating written approval and acceptance of the documentation.

Authority

- Chief Financial Officer, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Contacts

- Manager, Financial Policy and Training
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References

- [Account Reconciliation Worksheet](#)
- [Account Reconciliation Summary](#)